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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SEELYE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AMBASSADOR SEELYE

REF: KHARTOUM 577 (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE CROPPED UP IN CONNECTION WITH TIMING MY VISIT TO KHARTOUM. ASSUME FROM REFTEL THAT RESCHEDULING OF MY VISIT TO OCCUR JUST BEFORE SADAT/ASSAD/NIMERI "SUMMIT" WOULD BE EQUALLY INCONVENIENT. AS YOU KNOW, MY ORIGINAL ITINERARY CALLED FOR MY PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO KHARTOUM FROM NAIROBI, INSTEAD OF GOING TO ADDIS IN BETWEEN, BUT DISBANDMENT OF EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS RESULTED IN CANCELLATION OF NAROB-KHARTOUM FLIGHT. I COULD CONCEIVABLY REVERT TO ORIGINAL SCHEDULE PROVIDING US MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM ADDIS COULD FLY ME FROM NAIROBI TO KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, BEFORE INVESTIGATING THIS POSSIBILITY -- WHICH WOULD PUT ME INTO KHARTOUM ON WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 23, WITH DEPARTURE FROM KHARTOUM ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26 (AND THUS BEFORE CON-  
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VENING OF "SUMMIT") -- NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY WHETHER MY ASSUMPTION IS CORRECT, I.E. THAT MY VISITING KHARTOUM JUST BEFORE CONVENING OF "SUMMIT" IS ALSO INCONVENIENT.

2. OTHERWISE, IT LOOKS AS IF I WILL HAVE TO PLAN TO CANCEL MY VISIT TO KHARTOUM, UNLESS FOLLOWING WITH KHALID TUESDAY HE SEES NO OBJECTION TO PURELY "EMBASSY CONTACT" TYPE OF

VISIT. I COULD CONCEIVABLY DELAY MY ITINERARY WESTWARD AND PROCEED FROM MOGADISCIO TO KHARTOUM ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 (PROVIDING US MILITARY AIRCRAFT COULD FLY ME FROM ADDIS TO MOGODISIO., SINCE THERE IS ONLY ONE WEEKLY FLIGHT FROM ADDIS TO MOGODISCIO ON TUESDAYS). BUT THIS STILL WOULD APPEAR TO CONFLICT WITH "SUMMIT" AND IT WOULD FORCE CHANGE OF PLANS ALL ALONG THE WAY.

3. IF KHARTOUM IS SCRATCHED, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING WITH YOU AT ANY OF THE OTHER STOPS ON MY ITNERARY. IN THIS EVENT, I WOULD TRY TO ADVANCE DATE OF MY VISIT TO MOGODISCIO TO SATURDAY, FEB 26(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND PERMISSION FOR IT TO LAND AT MOGADISCIO) AND I WOULD SPEND 4 INSTEAD OF 2 DAYS IN SOMALIA. REMAINDER OF ITINERARY, I.E., MOGODISCIO-NAIROBI-KINSHASA-YAOUNDE, WILL REMAIN AS BEFORE.

4. IN SUMMARY, FOLLOWING ACTION REQUESTED:

A. KHARTOUM: FINAL CONFIRMATION RE INCONVIENCE MY VISITING THERE DURING EITHER OF 2 ALTERNATIVE TIME FRAMES PROPOSED ABOVE.

B. ADDIS AND SECSTATE: INDICATION REF POSSIBILITY USING MAAG AIRCRAFT EITHER FROM ADDIS TO MOGADISCIO OR FROM NAIROBI TO KHARTOUM, DEPENDING ON RESPONSE TO 4, A ABOVE.

C. MOGODISCIO: INDICATION WHETHER SOMALI AUTHORITIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO GIVE THIS AIRCRAFT LANDING CLEARANCE, ALSO WHETHER EXTENDING VISIT TO 4 DAYS IS OK.

6. I LEAVE LONDON FOR NAIROBI ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20 AT 1900.  
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